

## **IDHS FOUNDATION AWARDS MORE THAN \$141,000 IN GRANTS TO PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES**

**INDIANAPOLIS** –The Indiana Homeland Security Foundation awards grants to Indiana’s emergency management agencies (EMA), law enforcement, fire services and emergency medical services (EMS) in an amount of up to \$4,000 per year for each organization. Funds are used to provide first responders with necessary equipment to serve the public. The grants are funded by proceeds from the Secure Indiana license plates.

This quarter, the foundation approved \$141,326.90 in grants for the following public safety agencies.

- Adams County EMA received \$4,000 to enhance indoor coverage of its 800 MHz radio equipment. This equipment will relay cell phone, 800 MHz radio and very high frequency (VHF) radio signals out of the county’s emergency operations center (EOC) during an emergency. The EOC currently has no 800 MHz radio coverage.
- Anderson Township Volunteer Fire Department in Rush County received \$4,000 for a heart start monitor, a semiautomatic cardiac monitor/defibrillator to provide vital basic life support care for medical emergencies throughout the rural community.
- Blackford Community Hospital in Blackford County received \$4,000 for two computerized training manikins used during scenario-based training for EMS personnel, hospital staff and first responders.
- Brown County EMA received \$3,439 for an ID card printer for use in identifying emergency responders and volunteers in times of disaster or large scale events. This will assist in accountability and credentialing of responders across the county.
- Carlisle Volunteer Fire Department in Sullivan County received \$4,000 for four self-contained breathing apparatus.
- Carter Fire District in Spencer County received \$3,967 to provide safer operation of emergency apparatus and notification of emergencies to firefighters. The district will purchase traffic cones to facilitate firefighter training and pagers to alert firefighters of an emergency.
- The City of Anderson Fire Department in Madison County received \$4,000 for a dual-purpose trailer to haul gas powered tools such as generators and chainsaws away from fire scenes, as well as other tools that may contaminate evidence. It will also be used during live fire training to carry the proper training aids, and during fire scene investigations such as in a rehabilitation area for the K-9 and firefighters.
- Bedford Fire Department in Lawrence County received \$4,000 for extrication equipment to retrofit existing equipment with new couplings. This new technology simplifies the connecting and disconnecting of hydraulic rescue tools, increases the safety of firefighters on the scene and saves valuable time for victims in need of rapid extrication.
- The City of Bluffton Fire Department in Wells County received \$4,000 for a washer extractor to clean turnout gear. This will assist in removal of carcinogenic material and blood borne pathogens, allowing for longer lasting bunker gear.
- The City of Jasonville Volunteer Fire Department in Greene County received \$4,000 for rescue equipment, including chainsaws with necessary safety equipment including eye, ear and leg protection along with safety fuel containers. Funds will also purchase laptop computers to facilitate training.

- The City of Lebanon Fire Department in Boone County received \$4,000 for a thermal imager, which uses infrared technology to see through smoke and darkness to help firefighters find victims, pinpoint fires and recognize structural dangers before they cause injuries and deaths.
- The City of Madison Fire Department in Jefferson County received \$3,848 for air monitoring equipment, which is required before firefighters may remove the self-contained breathing apparatus in an environment that is immediately dangerous to life and health. This equipment will also benefit area citizens by checking for possible carbon monoxide problems in homes.
- Portland Fire Department in Jay County received \$3,950 for 10 pagers that will update the technology per the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) regulations that will take place in 2012.
- Seymour Fire Department in Jackson County received \$4,000 for a replacement hose.
- Sullivan County Fire Department received \$4,000 for a thermal imaging camera that will assist with locating people for rescue from burning buildings.
- Delaware Volunteer Fire Department in Ripley County received \$4,000 for boots and gloves for all department members. This will increase firefighter safety since a lot of the department's boots are more than ten years old and deteriorating.
- Fairbanks fire and rescue in Sullivan County received \$3,910 for pagers and radios to aid in communication during response efforts.
- Foraker Fire Department in Elkhart County received \$4,000 for personal protection equipment which will enable firefighters to operate in a safer manner when called to save lives or protect property.
- Gibson County EMA received \$3,978 for interoperability equipment needed to communicate from the mobile emergency operations center (EOC). This equipment will enable notification to critical infrastructures and schools throughout the county in the event of a severe weather event or other emergency.
- Greene County EMA received \$4,000 for communication equipment to update its emergency operations center (EOC). Equipment includes a scanner to receive digital information, a backup server to use as a firewall for the office, a TV and cart for displays, and a coaxial cable to install radio antennas which are critical to the EOC communication operations.
- Greensboro Volunteer Fire Department in Henry County received \$4,000 for 10 very high frequency (VHF) portable radios pagers to assist firefighters in effectively communicating with emergency dispatch. The radios will also receive emergency calls to provide firefighter locations and status of an emergency event.
- Hartford City Fire Department in Blackford County received \$4,000 for pagers that will meet the radio frequency requirements to be put in place in the year 2013.
- Jackson Fire Department in Hamilton County received \$2,990 to purchase one portable 800 MHz radio and all required accessories, which will assist the department in communicating with other agencies when responding to statewide mutual aid emergencies.
- Jonesboro Fire Department in Grant County received \$4,000 for a large 5 inch diameter supply hose to reduce the stress on aging pumps.
- Laurel Fire Department in Franklin County received \$4,000 for a thermal imaging camera to see through smoke and fire, ensuring first responders are appropriately equipped to enter a burning building safely.
- Marietta Volunteer Fire Department in Shelby County received \$3,989 for a National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) tank replacement. The former fire service vehicular tank has no

baffles (perforated plates to reduce the sloshing of the water), which creates unsafe driving conditions to firefighters and citizens.

- Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department in Warrick County received \$3,999.95 for equipment to assist the dive team with needed support. This equipment will also serve to achieve the Technical Rescue Team self-evaluation validation for IDHS.
- Noble County EMA received \$2,310 for pagers which will assist an incident support unit that will bring equipment and on-scene capabilities to the local emergency responders. This includes extended communications capabilities and on-scene access to geographic information system (GIS) information.
- Polk Volunteer Fire Department in Marshall County received \$3,400 for thermal imaging equipment to support its thermal imaging camera. The transmitter/receiver and a USB adapter for a computer will allow firefighters to view the images the camera may see inside a structure fire.
- Posey Volunteer Fire Department in Rush County received \$4,000 for handheld very high frequency (VHF) radios and programming. These radios will allow the department to operate on a uniform level of communication during all emergencies.
- Spencer County EMA received \$3,950 for weather protection and emergency response equipment for a coastal boat obtained in 2007. The equipment will shield the operator and emergency response tools during severe weather.
- Sullivan County EMA received \$4,000 for a two-tone paging system and pagers to provide quicker response to disasters and emergencies.
- Albion Volunteer Fire Department in Noble County received \$3,843.67 for a five-gas detector with associated bump testing (exposes the instrument to a known concentration of test gas) calibration equipment to ensure functionality and accuracy. The gas detector will give the department the capability of testing for unsafe atmosphere conditions.
- Spurgeon Police Department in Pike County received \$3,034.75 for 800 MHz radio equipment to allow for reliable communications with the central dispatch in Pike County. The current system provides unreliable communications to officers who are a considerable distance away from the repeater site, which jeopardizes interoperability.
- Winslow Police Department in Pike County received \$2,717.50 for 800 MHz radio equipment to enhance communication interoperability with other public safety agencies.
- Turman Volunteer Fire Department in Sullivan County received \$4,000 for a larger capacity fire hose, and rescue and training equipment such as computers to enhance response capabilities.
- Westfield Fire Department in Hamilton County received \$4,000 for water rescue equipment to facilitate rescue operations and protect rescue personnel.

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